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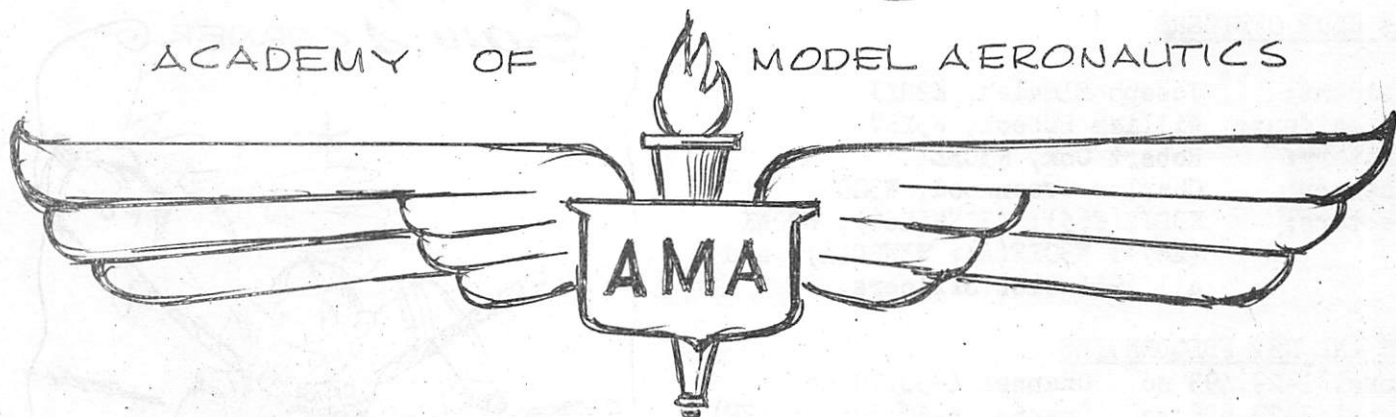


JULY
1965

MODEL AIRPLANE *Meet*

ACADEMY OF

MODEL AERONAUTICS



WILLOW GROVE
NAVAL AIR STATION

WEEK OF JULY 25, 1965
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 (E67); W3GIF(A); W3WPD(A); and
 all 1965 club officers.

NETS AND NET FREQUENCIES

Channel 1-29.493 mc	Channel 4-50.70 mc
Channel 2-29.626 mc	Channel 5-52.525 mc (FM)
Channel 3-147.78 mc	Channel 6-3993 kc (SSB)

Ten-On-Ten Net	Sundays	1000-1100
Orange Juice Net	Weekdays	0700-0730
Scrambled Egg Net	Weekdays	0730-0830
Executive Net	Weekdays	0830-0900

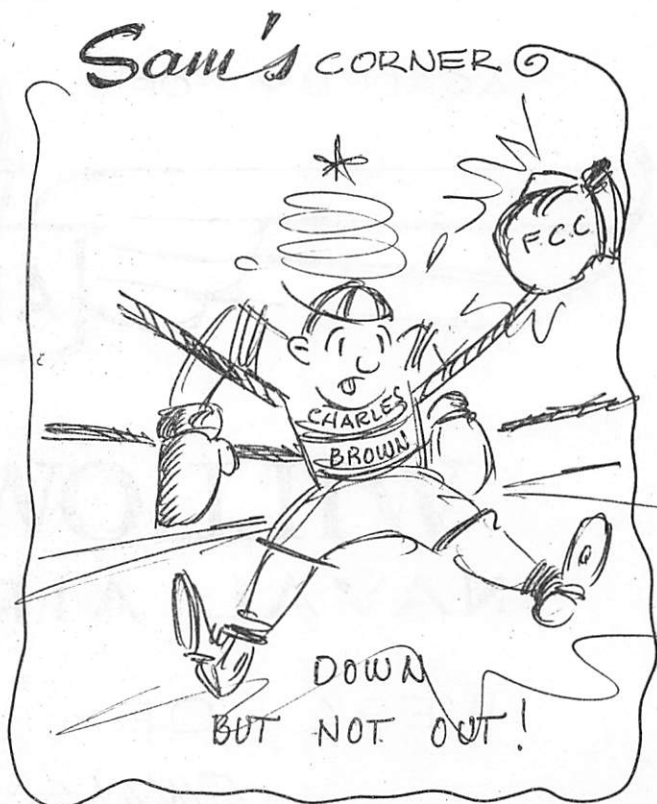
Channel 1 (29.493 mc) is monitored daily from 0900-2400 for the benefit of mobiles in the Philadelphia and suburban area.

MEETINGS

Regular Meeting: First Monday of each month
 Time: 2000 hours (8:00 PM)
 Place: THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
 20th & Benjamin Franklin
 Parkway, Philadelphia, Pa.

MID-MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan. 20	W3UMK	July 21	W3NIP
Feb. 17		Aug. 18	
Mar. 17		Sept. 15	
Apr. 14	W3WNC (Stag Dinner)	Oct. 20	
May 19		Nov. 17	
June 16	W3FLP	Dec. 15	



THE PREZ SEZ

Well, Field Day is over except for the very important job of getting the members to send in their logs, and for the committee to total up the score and send it off to ARRL. I urge the cooperation of all members in accomplishing this task.

July is probably an unusual time for the president to begin thinking about his successor, however the action by the members at the June meeting, in amending the by-laws and the election rules does bring this to mind. This is particularly so when the nominating committee will begin its work in just about two and one-half months.

Luckily, Phil-Mont has been able, generally, to come up with good, and some times outstanding candidates for its officers and directors each year; but we cannot rely simply upon luck to continue doing so. This club has many highly qualified members who year after year have refused to run for office. They have good excuses, they do other very important work for the club, but nevertheless will not accept the obligation of its administration.

It is to this group of members that these comments are directed. A club such as Phil-Mont can continue to survive and prosper only if those of its members who have proven their abilities by the past holding of office or a committee chairmanship will again consent to serve in its executive offices. I do not say that this is the only group from which our officers should be chosen, I rather say that too few of this group are willing to devote another year to the development and growth of our club. I hope that when the canvas of the membership by the nominating committee takes place, they will consent to run for office.

No one can require you to give up your other activities, nor can the club demand your time, however I know that I speak for the membership when I implore you to make yourselves available when the time comes.

73 de K3HIJ

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IT SEEMS TO ME

Many times we have all heard the plea for bits of news from club members for publication in the BLURB. The plea has come from every editor, I feel sure.

The editor edits the material before publication, according to the dictionary. Judging from the pleas for material in the past, the editor of your BLURB must author most of it as well.

Failure to receive the latest mailing of the BLURB by some members in time for the monthly meeting arouses ire directed at the Post Office Department. I'd hate to think what the response would be if the postman's failure to deliver was due to lack of material for or by the editor to produce a copy for printing.

There are several factors which you as members should consider. One is the number of members we have to contribute. Many feel they have nothing. Think about it some, and you may find that you have an idea that is worth the time to jot down and pass along. You may be on a committee and some thought from your committee might logically be presented for publication. Response to this publication could help your committee. Remember too, that this is a club paper to bring news to the members. This is your chance to spread the word. Why not use it?

Submit whatever you can; give as much dope as possible, such as dates, time, places, and to be sure, "handle", and call. We will do the rest! You see, we have a new typewriter with a tremendous vocabulary and excellent spelling ability. There is also a new secretary to go with all of this.

As I size up the past issues of the BLURB, Bob and Peg have not taught the new typewriter any bad habits. Trusting this to be reliable data and with your help, we shall do our best to keep the new issues coming.

As it looks from here, we sure owe a lot to Bob for editing and authoring the many issues - at least, so IT SEEMS TO ME.

de Lloyd, W3CDY

PHIL-MONT CALENDER FOR JULY

Monday July 12 Regular meeting at the Franklin Institute. 8:00 PM
Wednesday July 21 Mid-month meeting at W3NIP. 8:00 PM
Sunday July 25 Clambake, Berkshire Meadows near Reading, Pa.
Monday July 26 BLURB folding at W3LEM. 8:00 PM
Week of July 26-Aug. 1 AMA Championships, NAS Willow Grove, Pa. All day

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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

The regular meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club for June was held on Monday, June 7 at the Franklin Institute. Although this was a very warm night, some twenty members and three visitors enjoyed a very busy and cool evening. The air-conditioning did a very excellent job and the result was that those present were very comfortable as they heard George Weed, W3MHR, discuss proposed by-law revisions, and then a talk on amateur TV by K3ADS. The by-law revisions were adopted by those present after some discussion. Copies of the the complete, revised, current, up-to-date (we hope), by-laws will be available to each member in the near future. The business of the evening was, as always, capped by consumption of huge quantities of delicious coffee and doughnuts prepared by Al, W3GIF, and Bill, K3HIE.

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EXCHANGE PAPERS PLEASE NOTE

Please send all exchange publications to our new Editor, Lloyd Sherman, W3CDY. Lloyd's address is 42 Ashley Road, Newtown Square, Pa., 19073. My sincere thanks to all the editors of exchange papers for compliments, material, and constructive comment. I hope that you will all continue to be as helpful to Lloyd. (K3KUD)

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Wayne Zeigler, WB2SZF, our club historian, archivist, et al, requests that all those who are hiding material pertinent to the history of Phil-Mont, get in touch with him. We need pictures, clippings, and all other types of data.

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Bob Cox, K3CEE, reminds all Field Day participants that logs and other material concerned with message handling MUST be turned in to him not later than July 12. GET THIS MATERIAL IN GOOD SHAPE AND TURN IT IN - OTHERWISE YOUR SCORE WILL NOT COUNT!

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL MATERIAL FOR THE BLURB SHOULD BE SENT TO W3CDY.

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A note from Gussie, W3RVM-XYL conveys her regards to Phil-Mont and thanks for the kindness shown her during her bereavment.

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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

All the micro-wave gear has finally been stripped and disposed. Present at the final clean-up were Jim, W3QQH; Bob, K3UWO; Bob, K3CEE; Al, W3OWK, Murray, K3SPS; and an obviously very rich gentleman with an air-conditioned Oldsmobile, who has just found out that Ford may build racing cars, but GM builds 'em for comfort. The gentleman, for those who didn't know, was Ernie, W3D\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$G.

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I hear that W3BBB has a new method of increasing receiver sensitivity, Just expose one side of the receiver and kick it - works every time!

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The mid-month meeting for July will be at the home of Chuck, W3NIP. This is the meeting where we arrive a bit early, slip on the trunks, and take a dip in the pool. Bring your own towel and join the fun.

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Sam, K3GBA and Bill, K3HIE, have finally solved the problem pf spark-plug noise - - remove the plugs!

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Don't forget the AMA championships at NAS Willow Grove. We will provide the chase cars and maintain communication. Jim Spencer, W3QQH, has done a fine job of setting this up, and we will probably have a lot fun while doing a necessary job. Sunday, August 1 will bring the BLUE ANGELS to this area - plan now to see this amazing demonstration of precision flying by the best trained combat flight personnel in the world.

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If you are interested in a course in building battery chargers or hi-fi recorders, follow the UVL-W3YFV daily series. Charlie's questions and Russ's answers are instructive to say the least. Meanwhile, Bob, K3CEE is checking long-range propagation forecasts between Philadelphia and Wisconsin.

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Elsewhere in this issue you will find a map showing the best routes to the scene of the clambake, scheduled for July 25. Jerry, W3RKH, is responsible for this assist. Jerry will also try to have a rig on the air to talk in any mobiles who might have trouble. We will let you know about that on the 10-on-10 net.

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Bob, W3OEC, changed to a full length whip with better signal reports.

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Seems like Al, W3GIF, and Barney, W3CW, are having vibratoritis - they don't make vibrators like they used to - and where do you get them?

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INCENTIVE LICENSING - Improvement or Status

(Continuation of remarks by Lloyd Sherman, W3CDY)

Another month has passed, and I will try to pick up where I left off previously.

Briefly, and in summary, I tried to show how we have been status quo for so long and that we hate to be disturbed from this "position of achievement". If FCC sees fit to initiate new regulations, then why use call sign identification to reflect the class of license you hold or establish a status? Should it not be for identification only?

FCC has further proposed this call letter assignment as a convenience in monitoring. Convenience in, or ease of, monitoring is excellent so long as this is the true accomplishment. I contend that this ruling will not accomplish a thing.

According to Docket 15928 certain band segments would allow only certain class license holders the privilege of operation; the call letter assignment being the basis for identification. Based on this, one would only need to tune that segment of the band, listen to calls and pick out violators. That is, assuming that everyone used his or her assigned call. Can you imagine a violator moving into this segment of the band and using his call, which would immediately and positively identify him as a violator? What would be the means of evasion if one wished to violate such privileges? First, if one has no intention of abiding by the regulations he will certainly not use identification which marks him as a violator, whether he holds a valid call of another class or no call at all. In short, we will find call letters, of the category prescribed, in the proper section of the band, and the search for violators must proceed by other means.

Let's now take a look at the changes necessary if one progressed as well as regulations permit. To start your career in ham radio you qualify for a Novice License, and you are assigned the call KN3ABC. About a year later you pass the exam and drop the "N" and are now K3ABC. This is basically the call you started with, and if anyone else held this call it was at least five years before. In another year you make the grade for the new Amateur First Class - now you may be assigned KA3DE and K3ABC would go back for re-assignment. Now, will the FCC hold K3ABC for five years? Now to the next class, Amateur Extra - you may be assigned WA3FD. So, in less than four years one might hold four different call signs. Two of these signs would be returned for reassignment, but if they are not held for five years the change and re-assignment in calls could be so rapid that confusion would be created within the files of FCC, plus the extra burden of the filing of all these changes. This does not even approach the confusion of using the Call-Book with its never up-to-date addresses. I can only ask, how many QSL cards would never reach the right station, plus all those which would be correctly sent - but to the wrong station! It is hard to believe that the FCC really wants this situation.

Before we leave this phase, let us consider the fellow who has a General Class license, a call that he has held for ten or more years and which he likes. He is known by his call and if he changed it he would need new QSL cards, new license plates for his car - plus those call letter plates found in every shack. FCC may reply, "We are not interested - that is your problem to solve." True, it is our problem, and the licensee would probably reply, "I'm satisfied with my call and like it so well that I'll remain a General." Incentive? Certainly not! these regulations would kill all incentive with these satisfied operators.

The Advanced Class licensee seems dropped like a "hot potato". Paragraph 6D of the Docket explains the basis for dropping the Advanced Class to General Class; "There no longer exists any valid distinction between the Advanced and General Class license as to the difficulty of the examination". When the Advanced Class examination was available there was a valid distinction, as that was the basis for obtaining this class. If there has been an upgrading

INCENTIVE LICENSING (continued)

of the General Class examination to the present time (as is the case), how do you draw a distinction? The distinction should be based on the examinations covering the period. If I took the examination for General in 1950 and you took the Advanced at the same time and we both passed, why do you now lose the distinction of an Advanced Class license on the basis of "...there no longer exists, etc.....". I did not take any additional examination, you did! If anyone can support more incentive, it is certainly you, the holder of the Advanced Class. Many holders of this class date back to the 1935 era and if one has remained active all this time it would certainly seem fair to grant him an Amateur First Class license.

(Since Lloyd wrote the above the all-wise ARRL has declared in favor of much the same set-up in the comments filed with FCC. Ed)

I have covered the parts of Docket 15928 which I consider in need of revision. It is on this basis that I shall prepare my "comments" to be presented to the Commission. Give it some serious thought - maybe you too will find enough "incentive" to file your comments.

Lloyd, W3CDY

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following named licensed amateur has applied for membership in Phil-Mont subject to approval by the membership. Pertinent data is listed as it should be entered in your Directory if the application is approved.

K3WQQ

Michael C. Foster

Mike

749 Argyle Road

Glenside, Pa.

H-TU-4-0989

Sponsored by: K3UWO; W3QQH

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ABOUT OUR COVER FOR JULY

In line with Phil-Mont's activity on behalf of the AMA championships, WA3CNI, our intrepid artist, came up with the artwork entirely on his own - it was only after the completed mat was delivered that Sam revealed the fact that the AMA has contacted him in reference to designing an insignia for them - we might just be seeing a preview!

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Next month Lloyd hopes to have a complete run-down on Field-Day which will be published along with all the other useful and interesting material that the membership will load him up with - we hope!

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Sorry - we received no SWAP AND SHOP items this month. Everyone is saving his gear for the BIG auction in October, I guess.

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READING R.C. ^{AND} PHILMONT CLAMBAKE

SUNDAY - JULY 25TH

AT BERKSHIRE MEADOWS - DIRECTION ON REVERSE SIDE

NOONTIME TILL ?????????

COME ON OUT AND JOIN THE FUN

TREAT THE FAMILY TO A DAY OUT

GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

SOFTBALL QUOITS

BADMINTON CROQUET

VOLLEYBALL AND OTHER GAMES

PRIZES FOR HAMS AND GUESTS

CLAMBAKE TICKETS \$3.50 each.....Clambakes served at 4:00 P.M.

Clambake consists of: 1/2 of a delicious barbecued chicken, one dozen steamed clams, baked potato, ear of corn, pepper cabbage, roll, butter and coffee.

REFRESHMENT TICKETS ONLY \$1.25.....(13 years of age and over)

These tickets are for those who do not want a clambake or prefer to bring a picnic lunch. This ticket will entitle them to all liquid refreshments plus potato chips and pretzels, also a chance at either ham or guest prizes.

Children 12 years of age and under no charge.

Send your reservation card in now. Don't wait. Your co-operation with the picnic committee will help in planning for your enjoyment.

All reservations should be in by July 17 th, to help us plan for the number of people we expect to attend.

Members of the picnic committee are: Art Auchenbach K3PSX, Stan Olanin K3IOJ, Stew Ringler W3EYN and Bob Wagner W3GII.

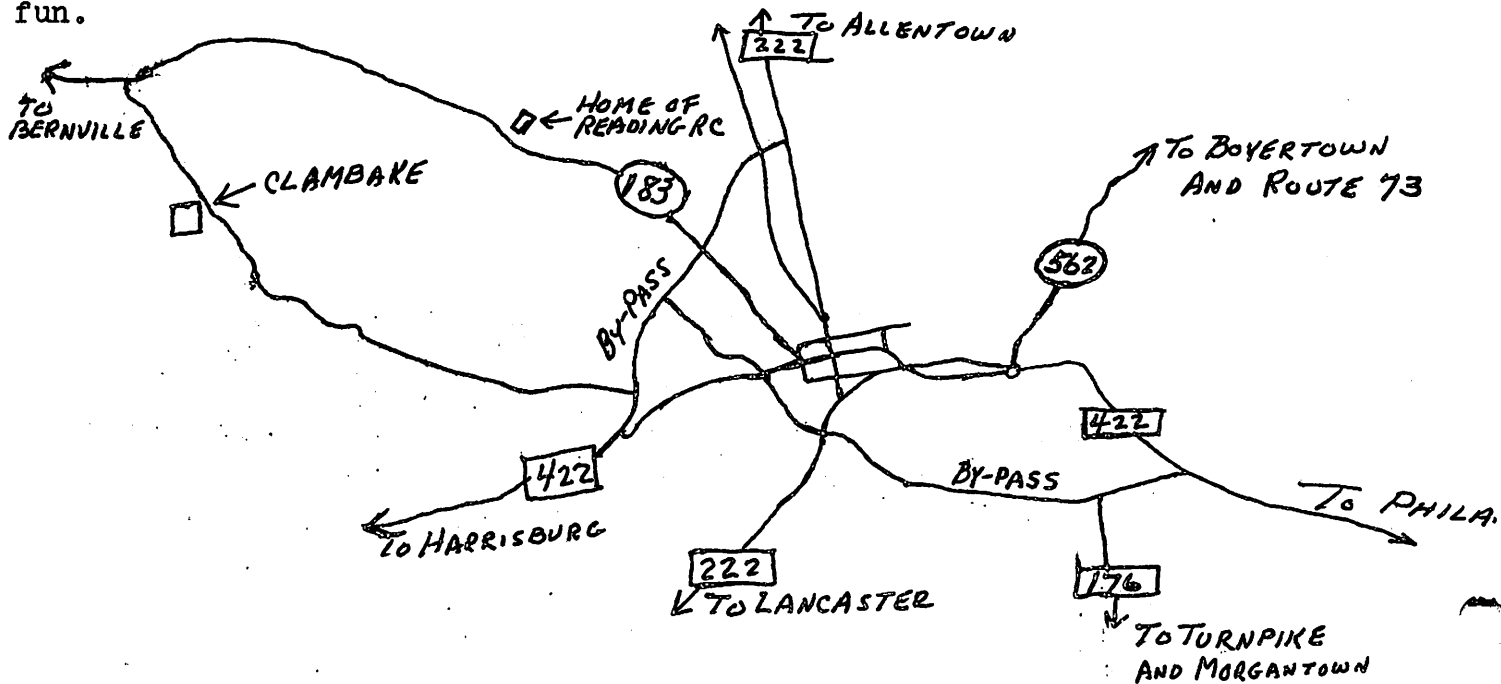
Directions to Reading-Philmont R. C. Clambake

1...For those coming to the clambake via Route 422 WEST, take 422 WEST by-pass around Reading. The by-pass begins just west of the Dutch Colony Motor Inn. Keep to the left after passing the Dutch Colony to enter by-pass. See Part 4 of these instructions for more info after getting on the by-pass.

2...For those coming to the clambake via the turnpike. Get off the turnpike at the Morgantown interchange, then take Route 176 NORTH which connects with the Reading By-pass. Follow Route 422 WEST after getting on the by-pass. See Part 4 of these instructions for more info after getting on the by-pass.

3...For those coming up Route ~~562~~⁵⁶². When you reach the intersection of routes ~~562~~⁵⁶² and 422, at the White House Market in Mt. Penn, make a left turn on to Route 422 East and follow the turnpike arrows which will lead you to the by-pass. When you get on the by-pass you will be heading west on route 422. See Part 4 for more info.

4...Now that we have all of you on the Reading By-pass heading west (I hope) lets see if we can get you to the clambake without too much trouble. After you are on the by-pass from any of these three directions you will continue heading west for about six and a half miles, more or less, depending upon the point where you entered. At this point you have nearly circled Reading and you should watch for a sign for Allentown. At this sign the road forks and you will take the left fork (toward Allentown) and this will bring you into the Warren Street By-pass. Now watch for the route 183 sign (about one mile after the Allentown sign) and turn right. You will come to a traffic light at the intersection with Route 183, turn left at this light and head north on Route 183 for a distance of 7.2 miles. Here the concrete road ends and macadam begins and here is where you turn left (we will have signs on the poles here). This is the last turn that you will make, keep on this macadam road (it winds and twists) for 1.9 miles and look out your window to the right and you will see Berkshire Meadows, and this is the place you where heading for so come on in and join in the fun.



29.493 Kc. WILL BE MONITORED FOR TALK-IN.